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## 09/05/2012 Minutes

Arlington Open Space Committee

Minutes of Sept 5, 2012 - 7:30 pm (Approved 10/3/2012)

Present: Elizabeth Karpati, Patsy Kraemer, David White, Lisa Decker, Joey Glushko, Jane Auger

Call to Order: 7:35pm

David White presiding

Minutes

June 6 2012 provided by Elizabeth Karpati;. Accepted by unanimous acclaim

Town Day - Saturday 9/15/12

Lisa Decker is organizing help for booth

Discussed requirements for set up, and staffing times

Mill Brook Linear Park

Table full discussion until next meeting.

Suggested inviting Steve Makowka from Historic District Commission and Ed Gordon from Old Schwamb Mill as well;

David White will contact both.

Joey Glushko, Ann LeRoyer, and Brian Barber met with the Covenant School, located at Downing Square. They have requested an educational piece rather than simply assisting with clean-up; perhaps a tie-in with Mount Gilboa history?; Discussed different entities adopting a segment; perhaps pocket parks along the linear park? Patsy Kraemer suggested developing a wish list/task list to offer interested volunteers. Evaluating existing accessible areas to see what shape they're in, and could there be additional work for development (eg. bridge at the Rembrandt, Schwamb Mill area). Discussed ideas on how to involve school kids in Mill Brook appreciation- flora and fauna inventory, etc.

New Arlington Catholic practice field access - they have fenced it off completely despite previously agreeing to pedestrian access; David White -Con Comm will address this.

Master Plan Process. Town/ARB

October 17 meeting for first master planning open public forum 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

Master plan committee is being developed by the Town; accepting applications.

Open Space Plan - Tabled

Opens Spaces Walking Book - waiting for mapping

Miscellaneous

BUSA farm: Lexington approved development of community farming and is taking proposals; likely to be LexFarm. May promote closer association with Reservoir Committee.

Reservoir:

2013 calendar produced by Reservoir and Birding Group; \$10 @ Town Day

Land Trust and business sponsors gave money, surplus will go to Reservoir Garden activities.

Water chestnut removal happened again this summer with little incident.  
Workdays details to come.

Rain Garden: Hurd Field area was paved over – part with pervious/part with impervious surface materials. MyRWA will develop rain garden to buffer area from parking, located near to brook; Not sure of plan, but planting should begin soon. Question of responsibility of maintenance of Rain Garden at the Reservoir.

Hardy School project also being planned by MyRWA.

Symmes:  
Conservation Committee is providing conservation restriction; work on forest area in progress; slope needs more coverage.

Downing Square: Tabled

Off leash dog-park is open: No further action required.

Traffic Island gardens are almost all adopted as arranged by the Garden Club  
Lockland, Spring Street, Jason Street sites are still available.

Next meetings October 3, November 7, December 5

Adjourned 8:47

Respectfully submitted by Jane Auger